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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

National Guard assists in rescue of injured man in Badlands

RAPID CITY, S.D. – The South Dakota National Guard assisted in the rescue of an injured Illinois man in Badlands National Park Saturday afternoon, July 11.

The SDNG responded to a call from Pennington County Emergency Management after a 26-year-old male fell near Sheep Mountain Table, south of Scenic. The hiker had fallen approximately 150 feet resulting in serious injuries.

The S.D. Office of Emergency Management requested dispatch of a SDNG HH-60 Black Hawk helicopter to provide aerial extraction of the patient from the area, which was inaccessible by ground ambulance.

Local emergency first responders and a medic from Black Hills Life Flight were on the scene treating the man once the aircrew arrived. The aircrew extracted the patient and Lifeflight medic with a hoist and transported the injured man to Rapid City Regional Hospital. His condition remains unknown at this time.

Agencies responding to this incident included: Pennington County Sheriff's Office, Pennington County Search and Rescue, Badlands Search and Rescue, Badlands National Park Rangers, Oglala Sioux Tribal Law Enforcement Officers, Rapid Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Interior Volunteer Fire Department, Rapid City Pennington County Emergency Management, Black Hills Life Flight and the South Dakota National Guard.

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Pennington Co. Sherriff's Office file photo: Members of the Pennington County Sherriff's Office, and other local emergency response agencies, respond to an incident involving an injured hiker, July 11, 2015, near Sheep Mountain Table in Badlands National Park, Minn. (Pennington County Sherriff's Office photo/Released)



141029-Z-CW157-123: HH-60 Black Hawk helicopter. (U.S. Army National Guard file photo)

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